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London, March 7.—The grand strategy of the Allies' Asiatic campaign is revealed today in reports of victory on three fronts—in Palestine, where the British are within twenty miles of Jerusalem; Mesopotamia, where General Maude's cavalry has pursued the demoralized Ottoman forces to within twenty-eight miles of Bagdad and nine miles of Ctesiphon, the great battleground of the 1915 campaign, and Persia, where the Russians have seized the mountain passes south of Hamadan, through which the Cosaks are driving in chase of the Ferozkars.

The Turks, beaten on every front, are running from the angles of a gigantic triangle running from well within the Holy Land, across the desert, through the valley of the Tigris, then northeastward up to Mount Asadabad, just below Tiberias, and straight back again across the Mediterranean.

Throw Away Guns
The rout of the Persian army on the Tigris is complete. Scattered equipment, including a large number of machine guns, has been abandoned by the British so promiscuously that they have scarcely begun to enumerate it. The Turkish division here has weakened the Persian front and seems also to have extended to their Palestine forces, which have been pressed back thirty miles in less than three weeks.

Signs have not been lacking that the Turk could not stand a concerted pressure on every front, and with today's reports these signs become actual facts. Financially, despite a liberal largess of German gold, the Ottoman empire is in a desperate position. From another viewpoint the fighting in Asia is developing as the most "romantic" of the entire war. It has definitely torn itself loose from the trenches and is well into the open, where the war game may be played out in rapid manoeuvres. And every inch of ground covered by the tramping soldiers is rich in historic interest reaching back to the very dawn of civilization.

Pass Mount Sinai
In the Holy Land the British, following in a general way the route of the Children of Israel, have passed Mount Sinai and are pressing upon Jerusalem. Along the Tigris they have left behind the ruins of Nineveh, flanked the dusty mounds of Babylon and are almost before the gates of Bagdad, where Haroun-el-Raschid pursued his nightly prowling in the childhood of the race. And the Russians, surging down from the Persian plateau, are following the path of the Three Wise Men toward Bethlehem. The victory in Palestine comes after a period of quiet preparation. "Yesterday," says the official account from Egypt, "Turkish forces, in the face of our advancing forces, abandoned a very strong position in the neighborhood of Beit Kurun, west of Lachish, after having spent two months in the construction of a formidable system of defences." (Lachish is about midway between the Mediterranean and Red Sea.)

On the Tigris the British cavalry has reached Lajj, twenty-eight miles southeast of Bagdad. It was at Ctesiphon, nine miles further on, that General

FIGHTING IN BIBLE LANDS



The map shows where the British forces are driving across ground known wherever the Bible is read, and together with the Russians, are forcing in converging wedges calculated to drive the Turk out of much of Asia Minor. The figure (1) shows where an army from Suez has passed Mount Sinai, and is nearing the shores of the Dead Sea, thirty miles from Jerusalem; (2) where the army of the Tigris, having passed the site of the Tower of Babel, and of Babylon on its left, is nearing Bagdad, and (3) where the Russians, following the old caravan route from Persia which Alexander used, have passed Hamadan and are heading down toward the plain of Mesopotamia.

Townsend in 1915 defeated the Turks, only to find himself facing heavy reinforcements, which forced his retreat to Kut-el-Amara, where he surrendered. "Owing to the fact that the war material abandoned by the enemy is strewn over eighty miles of the country, it is not yet possible to give an accurate list of our captures," says the British report. "The collection of booty and salvage of guns, etc., which were thrown into the river is being proceeded with, and up to the present thirty-eight guns, including those captured on river craft, have been collected, exclusive of machine guns and trench mortars."

Petragrad confirms the retreat of the Turks in Persia. They have abandoned the summit of Asadabad, whence the passes into the lowlands issue, and are retreating upon Kangaver toward the south.

Turks Demand Troops To Check Invasions

In view of the subsequent course of events it is interesting to know that at the end of February the Turkish government, finding its troops pressed in Mesopotamia and Upper Egypt by the British, in Persia by the Russians and in the Hedjaz by the Arabians, sent a distress call to the German General Staff, according to an authoritative dispatch in "The Westminster Gazette."

Calling attention to the grave danger which again menaces Bagdad in consequence of the British advance on the Tigris, the Ottoman government declared that the Turkish forces concentrated in the Mesopotamian theatre of war were by no means sufficiently adequate to cope with the danger. The Turkish government demanded the immediate return of the Turkish divisions now serving in Europe.

The dispatch adds that the report that the last of the tunnels through the Taurus range of mountains has been completed and that the Bagdad Railway is now in a position to be operated along its entire length is incorrect. Communication with Bagdad is still extremely difficult, and the roads across the Taurus Mountains are almost impassable at this time of the year.

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Berlin Claims Destruction of 15 Planes in a Day; Germans Lose Six

Cannon Duels Intense

French Infantry Attack Repulsed Near Verdun, Germans Assert

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Berlin reports that fifteen Allied aeroplanes were shot down, while the Germans lost but one. These figures are disputed by the British, who assert that on their front alone three German planes were destroyed and three others driven down, damaged. General Haig admits that four British machines were brought to earth, while seven others are missing.

Violent Artillery Fighting

The clear weather, following Monday's storm, favored the activity of the fliers, as well as the opposing gunners. Along the Somme and at Verdun the artillery duels became intense, amounting in some cases to drumfire, but no important infantry action is reported. However, Berlin asserts that the forces of the Crown Prince smothered a French attack against their new positions on the edge of the Caurieres wood, north of Verdun.

The French chronicle a success near Four de Paris, in the Argonne, where they exploded a mine and occupied the crater, while north of St. Mihiel they repulsed several small German surprise attacks. Raids of their own against the Teuton trenches netted a few prisoners.

The British official report declares that in the last twenty-four hours the situation has remained unchanged, but that Haig's forces have been busy consolidating the positions they now occupy, picking up abandoned German trenches, and bringing their heavy

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The warship was shortly afterward docked at Cronstadt, on the Gulf of Finland, it is added.

The *Ryurik* (Rurik) is an armored cruiser of 15,150 tons, 525 feet long, 75 feet beam and 26 feet depth. Her armament comprises four 10-inch guns, eight 8-inch guns, twenty 4.7-inch guns and four 3-pounders. She has two torpedo tubes. The *Ryurik*, built at Barrow in 1906, developed a speed of 21.5 knots on her trial. Her complement is 938 men.

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